

# **California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**

**Friday, April 7, 2006**

**Fresno Convention Center**

**New Exhibit Hall**

**848 M Street**

**Fresno, CA 93721**

**Board Meeting: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM**

**Fresno County Public Forum: 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

- Summary of Meeting Proceedings -  
Partnership Board Meeting  
Friday, April 7, 2006

## **I. Call to Order**

Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak welcomed attendees and called the meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley to order at the Fresno Convention Center, New Exhibit Hall, Fresno, California at 8:05 AM, Friday April 7, 2006.

## **II. Report from the Chair**

Secretary McPeak reviewed the process and timing for the Partnership's next steps. A conference call will be held with the Valley Congressional Delegation on Monday, April 10, 2006 at 9:30 AM. Cross work group meetings should be scheduled for the week of May 15 prior to the Merced and Madera Public Forums scheduled for May 18 and 19. Work Group Conveners are responsible for arranging the schedule. The final report to the Governor is scheduled for the end of October. This means that by the end of May, the Work Groups should have prepared a Vision Statement and have translated that Vision Statement into quantified objectives and goals. Work Groups should next put the actions they are proposing into time frames: 1.) Immediate; 2.) Short term (1 – 3 years); 3.) Intermediate (4 - 6 years); and, 4.) long-term (6 – 10 years). Staff will provide a template for Work Group Conveners to use for this purpose. These reports should be ready for the May 18 and 19 meetings.

## **III. Report from the K – 12 Education Work Group and Recommendations for Action**

Mayor Alan Autry reported on behalf of the K – 12 Work Group. He noted that education must be accountable and to be able to make necessary decisions in an ever changing education landscape.

He introduced Assemblyman Juan Arambula. The Assemblymember requested that the Partnership formally support two bills currently before the Legislature, AB 2859 and AB 2656. A handout describing the legislation in more detail was distributed. Both bills combine to spell out the process for establishment and implementation of an Academic Crisis Management & Assistance Team for schools which are identified as being chronically under-performing in terms of academics.

Members of the Governor's cabinet and their representative recused themselves from the discussion that followed and did not vote on the motion to support AB 2656 and AB 2859.

Questions and discussion followed Assemblyman Arambula's presentation.

A motion was made and seconded to support AB 2656 and AB 2859. The motion passed without dissent.

#### **IV. Report from the Higher Education and Workforce Development Work Group, including a Proposal on (a) Nurse Education and Training and (b) Health Sciences and Medical Education Programs at UC Merced and Recommendations for Action**

Larry Fortune introduced Maria Pallavicini, Dean, Natural Sciences and John Garamendi Jr., Vice Chancellor, University Relations at UC Merced. Dr. Pallavicini spoke about health care and health care education. The UC Board of Regents have allowed UC Merced to start the process of bringing a UC based medical school to the Valley.

Questions and discussion regarding plans for the medical school followed.

A motion was made and seconded to support the creation of a medical school in conjunction with the University of California Merced.

### **RESOLUTION**

To develop health sciences and medical education programs that are anticipated to lead to a University of California School of Medicine in the San Joaquin Valley.

WHEREAS, assessments of California's health care work force point to a shortage of up to 17,000 physicians in the state by 2015; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley currently has 24 percent fewer primary care physicians and approximately 50 percent fewer specialists per capita than the rest of California as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Valley, which is already medically underserved, will be disproportionately impacted by a statewide shortage of physicians; and

WHEREAS, the Valley's growing population and high incidence of health problems point to an overwhelming need to address access to health care in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Valley loses millions of dollars from the economy each year as local residents with health insurance coverage seek medical care outside of the region; and

WHEREAS, one of UC Merced's goals is to be a leader in a health-care alliance aimed at improving the well being of San Joaquin Valley residents; and

WHEREAS, an expert task force charged with beginning planning for UC health sciences and medical education in the San Joaquin Valley recommends a model that leverages existing health care resources in the Valley, thereby bypassing the \$2-4 million per bed price tag associated with constructing a new and university-owned teaching hospital; and

WHEREAS, the recommended model for medical education at UC Merced trains students at clinical sites throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the recommended model for medical education at UC Merced aims to increase the number of health care professionals practicing in the Valley, particularly those that are competent in multi-cultural medicine; and

WHEREAS, A University of California school of medicine in the Valley will raise the level of care across the Valley through access to the latest advances and treatments associated with UC health sciences research programs, change perceptions about health care quality, keep health care dollars in the region and serve as an economic engine for the San Joaquin Valley; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley must be united in its efforts to develop a stellar medical education program that serves the health needs of its residents;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley to continue to support the work of the University of California Merced to bring a medical school the San Joaquin Valley;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Board Members of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to recommend actions that will improve the economic well being of the Valley and the quality of life of its diverse residents, support the development of health sciences research and graduate medical education programs led by UC Merced that are anticipated to lead to a school of medicine in the San Joaquin Valley.

The motion was approved without dissent.

The Great Valley Center distributed copies of *Selected San Joaquin Valley Regional Statistics* which the organization prepared for the Partnership. The report contained statistics on the Valley on a variety of indicators.

Tim Curley, representing the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California and Central Valley Nursing Consortium, was introduced. He distributed an information sheet with statistics on the demand for and availability of nurses in San Joaquin Valley communities. Mr. Curley requested the support of the Partnership as the Central Valley Nursing's request to the state of California for \$495,525 and its continuing efforts to increase the availability of nursing education in the Central Valley. Questions and discussion followed.

A motion was made and seconded to support the financial request of the Central Valley Nursing Consortium and their goals of increasing the number of RN graduates in the Central Valley. The motion passed without dissent.

The next meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley and Public Forums are scheduled for May 18 in Merced and May 19 in Madera. This is a slight variation from the dates and locations previously announced. Work Groups should plan to meet on either Tuesday or Wednesday May 16 or 17.

There being no further business, the meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley adjourned at 9:47 AM.

**California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley**  
**April 7, 2006**  
**Fresno California**

**Board Meeting Attendees**

**Board Members Present**

Local Elected Officials

Mayor Alan Autry, City of Fresno  
Councilman Paul Boyer, City of Farmersville  
Councilwoman Marcelyn Buford, City of Hanford  
Supervisor Gary Gilbert, Madera County  
Supervisor Jeff Grover, Stanislaus County

Civic Leaders

Sheila Carroll, Ross F. Carroll, Inc., Modesto  
Larry Fortune, Fortune Associates  
Coke Hallowell, San Joaquin River Parkway & Conservation Trust  
Jose Rivera, Kaiser Permanente  
Fred Ruiz, Ruiz Foods  
Lorraine Salazar, Sal's Mexican Restaurants  
Sharron Thornton, the Grass is Greener Landscape Management, Merced

Cabinet Secretaries

Secretary Mike Chrisman, Resources Agency  
Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak, Business, Transportation and Housing Agency

Cabinet Designees

Jamie Fall for Secretary Victoria Bradshaw, California Labor and Workforce Development Agency  
Jonnalee Henderson for Secretary A. G. Kawamura, Department of Food and Agriculture  
Ricardo Soto for Secretary Alan Bersin, Office of the Secretary for Education  
Cindy Tuck representing the California Environmental Protection Agency

Board Members Not Present

Mayor Michael Amabile, Los Banos  
Council Member Susan Benham, Bakersfield  
Supervisor Connie Conway, Tulare County  
Fritz Grupe, The Grupe Company, Stockton  
Supervisor Victor Mow, San Joaquin County

Appointed Liaisons

Pete Weber, ANRON International, Fresno, Liaison to the Federal Interagency Task Force  
Supervisor Barbara Patrick, Liaison to the California Air Resources Board

## **Other Key Partners**

### Supporting Agencies

Heidi Arno, Great Valley Center  
Debra Bolen, The Maddy Institute  
Ellen Herod, Great Valley Center  
Mark Keppler, The Maddy Institute, CSU Fresno  
Mike Lynch, Great Valley Center  
Ashley Swearengin, CSU Fresno  
Carol Whiteside, Great Valley Center

## **Other Guests**

### Elected Officials

Councilman Brian Calhoun, Fresno  
Mayor Pro Tem Donald Ikemiya, Reedley  
Supervisor Phil Larson, County of Fresno  
Mayor Victor Lopez, Orange Cove  
Mayor Nathan Magsig, City of Clovis  
Councilman Roy Rodriguez, Orange Cove  
Mayor Don Tow, City of Selma  
Councilman Larry Westerlund, Fresno

### Community Leaders

Tom Abshire, Service Employees International Union Local 535  
Joel Aranaz, City of Fresno  
Miguel Arias, Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission  
Becky Barabe, National Resource Network  
Cathy Barabe, West Hills Community College District  
Julie Benevedes-Menzes, Director, Central Valley Office, CA Governor's Office  
Alan Bengyel, Interim City Manager, City of Huron  
Keith Berghold, Relational Culture Institute  
Suzanne Bertz-Rosa, Bertz-Rosa Design  
Paul Betancourt, CA Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Ken Blackwood, San Joaquin Valley Black Chamber of Commerce  
Terry Bond, Personnel Services Director, City of Fresno  
Lee Brand, Westco Equities Inc.  
Andrea Bressel, KVPT Public Television  
Allen Carden, CA State University Fresno  
Amy Chubb, CA State University Fresno  
Les Clark, Independent Oil Producers Agency  
Ben Cuellar, CA State University Fresno  
Tim Curley, Hospital Council of Northern & Central California  
Dr. Kathleen Curtis, CA State University Fresno  
John Delmatier, Proteus, Inc.  
Laura Dennison, Project Clean Air  
Renee DeVere, Fresno Council of Governments  
Mike Dozier, City of Clovis

Pete Estrada, Specialized Printing & Promotions  
Kelli Furtado, Central Valley Business Incubator  
Scott Galbraith, Merced County Economic Development Corporation  
John Garamendi, University of California Merced  
Carole Goldsmith, West Hills Community College District  
Barbara Goodwin, Fresno Council of Governments  
Lynn Gorman, County of Fresno  
Javier Guzman, Proteus, Inc.  
Tracewell Hanrahan, Pacific Community Ventures  
Gary Hanson, Pacific Gas & Electric Company  
Michael Hanson, Fresno Unified School District  
Sara Hedgreth-Harris, Fresno League of Women Voters  
Rick Jeffery, WebStarr.net  
Matthew Jendian, CA State University Fresno  
Doug Jensen, Fresno Economic Development Corporation  
Chris Johnson, Johnson Architecture  
Eric Johnson, AT&T  
Michele Jory, Fresno Adult School  
Bernice Kao, Fresno County Public Library  
Keith Kelly, Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development  
Billie Kerstetter, Fresno Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Blake Konczal, Fresno County Workforce Investment Board  
Paula Landis, CA Department of Water Resources  
Brenda Lauchner, Fresno Council of Governments  
Homer Leija, City of Fresno  
Jose Leon-Barroza, County of Fresno  
Karl Longley, CA Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Bill Loudermilk, CA Department of Fish & Game  
Mike Lukens, US Office of Congressman Radanovich  
Kurt Madden, One by One Leadership  
Katherine Maguire, Tim Huff, AIA  
Shannon Major, Office of Senator Poochigian  
Ron Manfredi, City Manager, City of Kerman  
Dennis Manning, Fresno Area Residents for Rail Consolidation  
Becky Matli, Fresno County Public Library  
Peter Mehas, Fresno County Superintendent of Schools  
Kathy Millison, City Manager, City of Clovis  
Ed Moreno, Fresno County Department of Community Health  
Colby Morrow, Southern California Gas Company  
Jon Morse, Sr., Success Strategies Unlimited  
Brandi Nakaido, University of California Merced  
Sanford Nax, Fresno Bee  
Ken Newby, Deloitte & Touche  
Sam Norman, The Rios Company  
Joseph Oldham, City of Fresno  
Katie Otto, Fresno County Workforce Investment Board  
Roger Palomino, Enterprise Plus Economic Development Center  
Maria Pallavicini, University of California Merced

Teresa Patterson, State Center Community College District  
Don Pauley, City Manager, City of Kingsburg  
Mike Prandini, Building Industry Association of San Joaquin Valley  
Joel Rabin, Fresno Unified School District  
Ravi Ramalingam, CA Air Resources Board  
Louise Richardson, Fresno Public Library  
Jeff Roberts, Granville Homes  
John Robertson, Quad Knopf Inc.  
Michael Rood, Granite Construction Company  
Darren Rose, US Office of Congressman Radanovich  
Debra Rose, CA Department of Rehabilitation  
Jon Ruiz, City of Fresno  
Mike Russler, Governor's Nursing Workforce Initiative  
Nate Rutterbush, Granite Construction  
Jackie Ryle, Empowerment Strategies  
Larry Salinas, University of California Merced  
Jesus Sanchez, Blue Cross of California  
Alice Saviez, Fresno County Workforce Investment Board  
Laurie Seaborn, Summit Software  
Sarah Sharpe, Coalition for Clean Air  
Ron Silva, Western Transport  
Al Smith, Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce  
Claudia Soria-Delgado, Central San Joaquin Valley Director  
Dave Spaur, Economic Development Corporation Fresno County  
Tim Stearns, CA State University Fresno  
Barbara Steck, Fresno Council of Governments  
J. Patrick Sweeney, Central Transit & Development Corporation  
Chloe Tatro, Fresno County Workforce Investment Board  
Larry Taylor, TAICO  
Stanley Tom, Valley Small Business Development Corporation  
Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District  
Rojelio Vasquez, Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Tom Vidmar, Anlin Industries  
Eric VonBerg, URS Corporation  
Lois Watson, Audubon Society of Kern County  
Dr. John Welty, CA State University Fresno  
Lloyd Williams, Fresno West Coalition for Economic Development  
Levi Winebrenner, City of Fresno  
John Wright, City of Clovis  
Blong Xiong, Fresno Center for New Americans  
Lue Yang, Fresno Center for New Americans  
Lydia Zabrycki, Quad Knopf Inc.  
Ralph Zackheim, US Dept. of Labor



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John Bailey, Fresno

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